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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES VAKY AND KATZ FROM AMBASSADOR SAYRE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOPN (BERGSTEN, C. FRED), BR
SUBJECT: AACCLA INVITATION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN

1. I WELCOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN'S KEEN INTEREST IN BRAZIL. HIS INTEREST AND HIS ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING US-BRAZIL RELATIONS ARE ASSETS I VALUE AND WISH TO PRESERVE. MY PROBLEM IS THAT I CANNOT PREDICT WHAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION WILL BE IN THIS COUNTRY ON NOVEMBER 7. FIGUEIREDO IS ALREADY CAMPAIGNING HARD BUT THE MDB OPPOSITION HAS YET TO NAME A CANDIDATE. THE MDB IS EXPECTED TO NAME A FORMER GENERAL AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION COULD HEAT UP SUBSTANTIALLY OR THE OPPOSITON COULD TURN OUT TO BE A FIZZLE. THE MDB GENERAL IS VERY NATIONALISTIC IN TONE AND IF A VIGOROUS DEBATE DOES DEVELOP WE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO KEEP OUR HEAD DOWN. THE INDIRECT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS OCTOBER 15 AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS ARE NOVEMBER 15 AND BOTH OF THEM HAVE POSSIBILITIES FOR FIREWORKS. TIMING IS THEREFORE A VERY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

2. TO MINIMIZE THE PROBLEM, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT A SPEECH TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE FOR LATIN AMERICA CONCENTRATE ON INTERNATIONAL
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ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND LEAVE ASIDE QUESTIONS CONCERNING US ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ANY US DECISIONS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN REGARDING BRAZIL SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 7. MAKING SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US IS HANDING OUT FAVORS OR INFLICTING DAMAGE WITH A VIEW TO INFLUENCING

THE ELECTION.

3. A SECOND PROBLEM OF LESSER IMPORTANCE IS THAT I CANNOT HELP BEING SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF PORTRAYING CONVINCINGLY US SUCCESSES IN NEGOTIATING NEW COMMODITY AGREEMENTS OR IN REPORTING PROGRESS TOWARD CREATING A COMMON FUND. HOWEVER, THERE MAY WELL BE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE IN BRASILIA.

4. FINALLY, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN MAKING A JUDGMENT ABOUT THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL IMPACT OF A SPEECH IF WE COULD BE PROVIDED WITH AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE PROPOSED REMARKS IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENT. I ALSO APPRECIATE BERGSTEN'S WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE IF THE LOCAL SITUATION WARRANTS CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION. IT MAY WELL TURN OUT THAT THE BEST USE WE CAN MAKE OF BERGSTEN'S INTEREST WILL HAVE TO COME AT A LATER DATE.

5. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH BERGSTEN ALONG THE ABOVE LINES.
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